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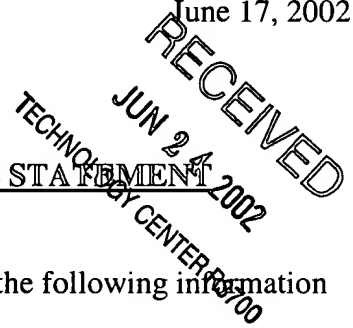
Applicants: Hausen, Bernard A.; et. al.
Assignee: Vascular Innovations, Inc.
Title: Method and System for Performing Closed-Chest Bypass Graft Surgery
Serial No.: 09/993,438 Filing Date: November 13, 2001
Examiner: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: 3738
Docket No.: 032405-059

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Menlo Park, California
June 17, 2002

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)(1)



In compliance with Applicants' duty under 37 CFR § 1.56, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner. The items are listed on the attached form PTO-1449, and a copy of each is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. The items identified in this Information Disclosure Statement may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, and the submission thereof by Applicant shall not be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 CFR § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 USC § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicant as such. Because this IDS is being submitted before receipt of the first Office Action, no fee is due.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) PTO form 1449 and references cited therein; and
- (4) Return postcard.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>	Highest No. Previously <u>Paid For</u>	Present <u>Extra</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Additional Fee</u>
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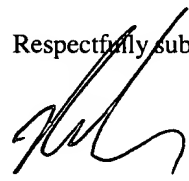
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